

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF TYWYN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2021
ONLINE VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor: Eileen Jones (Chair)

Councillors: Ron W. McCoo, Cathy Evans, Matthew Cooling, Anne Lloyd-Jones, Mick Stevens, John Pughe, Joseph Smith, Gareth Mason, Aled Lewis

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

Cl. 035
10.02.21 **APOLOGIES:**
Nancy Clarke
Alun Wyn Evans
Marisa O'Hara

Cl. 036
10.02.21 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
Councillor Joseph Smith – Item 17 – Partner is Trustee and Director of Ynysymaengwyn

Cl. 037
10.02.21 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- The Chair expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery to Councillor Clarke
- Chair had received a response to her letter to Betsi Cadwaladr regarding the closure of the Minor Incidents Unit during the Covid-19 pandemic, giving reassurance that the unit would reopen after the crisis.
- The Chair had received a response to her query regarding the required Council Office maintenance indicating that contractors had been appointed and they were awaiting commencement of works
- It was re-asserted that the benches around the town, under the control of Gwynedd Council, were in need of maintenance and that emails had been sent.
- The Chair expressed her thanks to the Clerk for the work undertaken in respect of grants awarded to the town.

Cl. 039
10.02.21 **MINUTES:**
Receive and approve: -

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 13th January 2021

RESOLVED: To receive and approve with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.

Cl. 039
10.02.21 **STANDING COMMITTEES:**
Receive and approve: -

NONE

Cl. 040
10.02.21 **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORT**
Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones reported that she had attended a meeting of the LleChi group.

Cl. 041
10.02.21 **GWYNEDD COUNCIL 2nd HOME CONSULTATION**
Motion to respond to Gwynedd Council's consultation on the council tax levied on 2nd homes in the county

RESOLVED: To respond to the Consultation in favour of Gwynedd's proposal to levy a 100% increase on the Council Tax on 2nd homes in the county with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.

A request as made for a recorded vote on this matter and the votes were received as below

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAINING:
Matthew Cooling	None	John Pughe
Gareth Mason		Anne Lloyd-Jones
Aled Lewis		Mike Stevens
Joseph Smith		
Cathy Evans		
Ron McCoo		
Eileen Jones		

Cl. 042
10.02.21 **PRECEPT DEMAND 2021/22**
Motion to agree the Precept demand for 2021/22 following further information from Gwynedd Council and written request from 2 councillors to reconsider this matter.

RESOLVED: To uphold the previous decision to set the precept at £90328.12 with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Mike Stevens seconding the motion.

Cl. 043
10.02.21 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**
Motion to review the Terms of Reference for the following Committees:-

- Finance Committee
- Planning Committee
- Environment Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Personnel Appeals Panel

RESOLVED: To approve the terms of reference with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Ron McCoo seconding the motion.

Cl. 044
10.02.21 **HAPPY VALLEY TELEPHONE BOX DEFIBRILLATOR**
Motion to install a defibrillator in the decommissioned telephone kiosk in Happy Valley

RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Cathy Evans proposing and Councillor John Pughe seconding the motion.

Cl. 045 **COASTAL SIGNS**

10.02.21 Motion to take ownership of the new coastal signs scheme and work with Gwynedd Council Officers towards completion.

RESOLVED: To approve the motion and refer to the Environment Committee for discussion with Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones proposing and Councillor Matthew Cooling seconding the motion.

Cl. 046 **COUNCIL WEBSITE**

10.02.21 Motion to purchase a GDPR compliant premium website package from NetWise UK which will allow us to revamp the Tywyn Town Council website and provide an efficient, modern platform to communicate council information and decisions more effectively with the public.

RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Gareth Mason seconding the motion.

Cl. 048 **FRIENDSHIP BENCH**

10.02.21 Motion to allow local artist to create a Friendship Bench in Brook Street Garden following notification of a grant award.

RESOLVED: To approve the motion with Councillor Matthew Cooling proposing and Councillor Cathy Evans seconding the motion.

Cl. 049 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

10.02.21 Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for January 2021

RESOLVED: To approve with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Cathy Evans seconding the motion.

Cl. 050 **NEWS FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

10.02.21

- Gwynedd Council is reminding people about the upcoming census
- Councillor Anne Lloyd-Jones has been appointed as the Chair of Gwynedd Council Democracy Services.
- The county is set to develop dementia friendly activities through Byw'n Iach
- The Covid-19 vaccine rollout is progressing well across the county
- Gwynedd is keen to develop adult services in the county and there may be potential for facilities to come to Tywyn
- Financial Seminar attended

Cl. 051 **CLERK'S REPORT**
10.02.21 Motion to receive Clerk's Report

RESOLVED: To receive the report with Councillor John Pughe proposing and Councillor Joseph Smith seconding the motion.

Cl. 052 **YNSYMAENGWYN TRUST UPDATE**

10.02.21 Although there has been a drop in numbers on the park and camping field this year work has been ongoing at the site.
The board has agreed to impose a % increase on the ground rent for the statics, tourers and tents.
Toilet are being renovated
Requests have been made and investigations underway for the provision of EV charging points.
The Trust is also looking at the possibility of acquiring an all terrain mobility scooter for disabled access to the woods
New trees have been planted
A new 'bug hotel' has been put up in the woods
There is an ongoing problem with overflowing dog poo bins due to the increased local use of the site.
Following a massive increase in local traffic to Ynysymaengwyn during the lockdown period, signs have been put up on the gates stating that access is for pedestrians only as per lockdown rules requiring exercise to start and finish from home addresses.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:47 pm

CADEIRYDD / CHAIRMAN